REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is hereby requested. Claim 15 has been amended to clarify the language regarding the spring element. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 5, 6, 14 and 22-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 6, 14, 22 and 24 have been so rewritten. Claim 15 has been amended as noted above to respond to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection and, not having been rejected for any other reason, has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of Claims 2 and 12. Therefore, independent Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 22 and 24 are considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 8, 10-13, 16, 18 and 26-29 have been amended to correct their dependencies.

Claims 3, 4, 8-13, 16-21, 23 and 25-26 depend from allowable claims and are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reason as their respective independent claims and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Based upon all of the above, this Application and Claims 3-6 and 8-30 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/42924).

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